

(c) Cases are registered against the persons involved and adjudication proceedings and prosecutions are launched against the offenders as per the provisions of the law.

[Translation]

Export of Crabs

4978. SHRIVILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to export crabs;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c). Crabs both in live and in frozen are being exported from India and are eligible for all normal export incentives.

[English]

Import of Goods Through stolen REP Licences

4979. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Understand Question No. 1461 on November 29, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the Government have since collected the information;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the Government propose to collect the information?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d). Information received from 28 Port Licensing Authorities indicates that during the period 1-1-1991 to 31-8-1991, REP Licences for a value of Rs. 2,80,97,769/- were lost. Efforts are being made for expeditious collection of information from the other offices.

Silk Units in Kerala

4980. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of silk textiles units in Kerala; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to encourage the silk industry in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTIL (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The information is being collected

(b) In order to encourage the production of silk, the Central Silk Board is implementing a World Bank/Swiss assisted National Sericulture Project in Kerala since 1989-90 at a total cost of Rs. 348.57 lakhs over the project period. The project envisages establishment of the following infrastructure for development of 2000 acres of land under mulberry for the production of 60 metric tonnes of raw silk:-

1. One P2 Farm
2. One F1 Grainage
3. Four Technical Service Centres
4. Twenty Chawkie Rearing Centres
5. One Cocoon Market

6 One Cocoon Testing & Grading Unit

7 Twenty Cocoon Drying Chambers

8 One Demonstration-cum-Training Centre

9 One Sericulture Training School

Besides, the Central Silk Board is also extending assistance to the State under various developmental programmes like supply of mulberry cuttings/saplings/disease free layings, farmers training programmes etc

Production Cost of Natural Rubber

4981. SHRI P C THOMAS Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have made any study on the cost of production of natural rubber for the purpose of fixing bench mark or support price, and

(b) if so, the cost of production of one kilogram natural rubber, as per the study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b) A study on the cost of production for natural rubber (RMA-4 Grade) was carried out in November, 1990 which had indicated the cost for this grade to be approximately Rs 21 45 per kg. Due to reported increases in various inputs, a fresh Cost Study has since been carried out. This study is being examined by Government.

Utilization of Defence Budget

4982 SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) the steps proposed to be taken for cost-effective utilisation of the Defence budget,

(b) the savings likely to be effected during 1992-1993 through implementation of cost-effective measures,

(c) whether the measures include stoppage of fresh recruitments also in some of the departments, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a) and (b) Economy measures initiated include reduction in consumption of FOL (Fuel, Oil & Lubricants) review of all ongoing projects/schemes of effective personnel management, review of inventories, sale of surplus/obsolete stores and land, review and rationalisation of the scale and duration of all training courses/exercises/practice camps, optimum utilisation of transport, modernisation of the existing equipment, indigenisation, use of simulators etc

(c) and (d) Rationalisation of manpower is a part of the economy measures initiated

Export of Garments during Eighth Plan

4983 SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) the export potential of garments at present and during the Eight Five Year Plan period,

(b) whether the Government propose to fix floor price of garments for exports,

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the garment trade has created employment opportunities in rural areas also, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?